

FIELD GUIDE

for

TRAFFIC CONTROL AT WORKS ON ROADS

Part 7: Short-term works on freeways

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PREFACE

This Handbook has been prepared to provide guidance for personnel engaged in short-term road works on freeways, expressways, motorways, tollways and like facilities. It is applicable to works generally not taking more than a few days and where no physical provisions such as temporary safety barriers or major roadway diversions have been made for the protection of the work area. It is intended to be used primarily as a field reference guide.

Handbook HB 81.2 also provides for short term works on **rural** freeways. Supervisory guidance (based on volume, speed or other traffic characteristics) may be needed as to which guide workers should use in specific situations.

The Handbook has been prepared to cover a specific area of roadworks signage. It contains only those provisions of AS 1742.3*, which are considered to apply in the particular cases with which it deals, and for convenience reproduces them in summary form. It is not intended to supersede AS 1742.3 and in any cases where there appear to be differences in specified requirements or recommendations, or where matters could be interpreted differently from that Standard, it is intended that the Standard specification, recommendation or interpretation should prevail.

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^{*} AS 1742.3, Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 3: Traffic control devices for works on roads.

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1 WHERE TO USE THIS HANDBOOK

This Handbook should be used for short-term works on freeways, expressways, motorways, tollways and any other divided roads with no intersections, carrying high speed traffic and which operate like freeways.* It covers works in both urban and rural areas, and both day and night-time works.

By 'short term' we mean work which would either be completed in one shift or part of a shift while workers are in attendance. It would be work which would involve only partly closing a roadway or ramp pavement and would not involve major changes to traffic paths such as lane diversions, ramp closures, detours or crossovers. Leaving work unattended on a freeway is outside the scope of this Handbook, see Paragraph 2(d).

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^{*} All of these kinds of road are, for convenience, referred to in this Handbook as 'freeways'.



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